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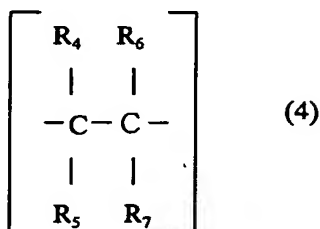
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(57) Abstract: A cationic graft-copolymer for a non-viral gene delivery vector comprising a unit derived from a cationic derivative of a water-soluble linear polymers having a hydroxyl groups, namely, a cationic polysaccharide of the following formula (1) [C₆H₇O₂ (OH)_{3-a} (OX)_a]_x H₂O (1) and the cationic derivative of polyvinylalcohol of the following formula (2) or the cationic derivative of the partial hydrolyzed polyvinylalcohol of the following formula (3) [CH₂ CH(OH)_{1-b} (OX)_b]_n (2) [CH₂CH(OH)_{1-b-c} (OX)_b (OAc)_c]_n (3) and a unit derived from a polymerizable olefin compound of the following formula (4) R₄ R₆ | - C - C - (4) | | R₅ R₇ (a, x, b, n, c, Ac, X, R₄, R₅, R₆, and R₇ are defined in claim 1-6); a process for preparing the same and a transfection reagent made therefrom..

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1. claim: 1

A cationic graft copolymer product of a water-soluble linear backbone polymer having hydroxyl groups comprising a unit derived from a cationic water-soluble linear polysaccharide of the formula (1) as detailed in applicazton claim 1.

2. claim: 2

A general process for preparing a cationic graft copolymer as described in application claim 2.

3. claim: 3

A complex between DNA and a cationic graft copolymer as described in the application claim 3.

4. claim: 4

A further complex between RNA and a cationic graft copolymer as described in application claim 4.

5. claim: 5

A gene dilivery system using a complex between DNA and the cationic graft copolymer as described in application claim 5.

6. claim: 6

A gene delivery system using a complex between RNA and the cationic graft copolymer as described in application claim 6.

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